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Stars above are twinkling. But they soon will fade: Dawn will soon be blushing Over vale and glade. Ho! you little sailor. Then you'll leave the strand, Sailing back from yonder Slumberland!



CHAPTER IV .- CONTINUED.

Angus caught sight of two white hands, then of a whiter face, surrounded by clustering hair, as it rose above the surface.

"Courage! Courage!" he cried, and with all the might in his powerful frame he plowed through the water, nearing the form of the one he loved. Clara heard that cry, and on the instant the thought passed through her brain: "I am saved."

Then she sank again-down, down; strange roaring sounds were in her ears, but her lips were firmly closed.

As that loved form sank a second time from view, so also did the form of Angus Bruce, and when he reappeared on the river's surface he bore in his arms the form of Clara Hill.

He clasped her round the waist with his left arm, and sustained himself on the water with his right.

Her arms were around his neck, clinging as will a drowning person to anything in reach.

"Courage! Dear heart! Courage Clara Belle! don't clasp me quite so tight, alas, that I must say that! There, so-that will do.

"Hey! Calvin, quick! Mate, quick!" "Unloose me, Angus, and let me drown, else will you drown too."

"Unloose you, Clara Belle? not while life lasts. You are dearer to the heart of Angus Bruce than life itself-why, we float the river's surface like a cork; laugh at your fears, you'll never drown while clinging to Bruce."

"Oh, Augus! Augus! but for you, I should have never risen more."

"Aye, Clara Belle, and but for that lucky fall, I would never have known the happiness of this hour; it will go with me through life, yes, even to the grave."

"Oh, Angus! Angus!"

With her helm hard-a-port, the sch oner had rounded to, and now lay atl art the river, her sails flapping id and emptied of the breeze. Caivin Stewart, the mate, had low-

ered the yawl, and with two good men was pulling to the rescue. V hen he reached them Angus lifted

Clara, with the help of Calvin, into the yawl, and was soon seated beside her. When the boat reached the side of the schooner, a rope ladder was hanging to the rail, by which to ascend to the deck, and Herbert Lathrop was standing by

"Are you strong enough to climb the ladder, Miss Hill?"

"Oh yes, my brave rescuer, certainly." Then glancing up, she saw at the head of the ladder Herbert Lathrop leaning over the rail. "But you go first, captain, and help me over the rail, for like not Herbert Lathrop, and but for him, I should not have taken this bath." "I am glad of that," said Angus.

"O, which? that I like not Herbert, or that I took the bata?" "Of-of both, Miss Hill," said Angus as he climbed to the deck.

"Oh, captain!"

As Angus mounted the deck, Herbert said: "A brave act, Capt. Bruce, a brave

"Oh no," said Angus, "none but a eoward would see a lady drown; had I stood where you did, when she went overboard, she would have little more than been immersed; now she is well soaked."

Herbert hated Angus Bruce from that

"Well, you have done your duty, cap tain, now stand aside and I will receive Miss Hill.'

"Not so, Herbert Lathrop, I never do things by half," and Herbert bit his lips, as Angus lifted Clara over the railing, and, followed by the weeping Fannie, bore her to the cabin.

"Don't cry, Fannie! don't cry! the time to ery has passed. I am quite over my scare now-only wringing wet."

"My sister Jennie," said Angus, "accompanied me to Charleston on my last trip down the coast. You will find in the bureau there, dresses and clothing that she left aboard-I beg you will speedily make use of such as please you; there is wine in that decanter-now I will go and put on dry toggery, as this is too wet, even for a sailor.'

When Angus returned to his berth and changed his clothing, he thought of some of the language he had used, under the excitement of the moment, while he was rescuing Miss Hill, and felt somewhat abashed.

"Clara Hill is not for me," he said, "but by the gods, she will never find a beart that loves her more I have saved ber life for some more fortunate man."

in her mind the words: "Angus Bruce loves me! Angus Bruce loves me! This," she thought, "is the love of a man; with such a one I

could be happy, but that would never do-what would my father and my brother say?-yes, or what would they do, should I even think of wedding Angus-even my mother, I think, would revolt to see her daughter wed a pilot's son, and the captain of a schooner; and yet I knew when heard his voice: 'Courage! courage! Clara Belle,' that I loved him; yes, I do love him as fervently as he loves me-beside him, Herbert Lathrop is a cipher. Oh, Angus! you saved my life, you have my heart; would I could give you my hand, But not so, your image will be graven on my heart my whole life long, but I will be the bride of my father's friend, John Loyd, and now I care not how soon-for then will there be an impassable barrier between the man I love and may not marry, and me."

An hour later the two girls were on the deck, gazing back in the direction of the recent disaster; Clara clad in the Scotch plaid of Jennie Bruce.

"Ah," said Angus, as he approached them, "I have aboard a Scotch lassie

"Miss Hill," he continued, aside to Clara, and a deep blush suffused his cheek, "pray pardon me for any words uttered, when I knew not but that they might be the last"

"Speak not of pardon, Angus Bruce but for you I should be now lying at the river's bottom."

"This locket, Miss Hill, came from your neck while in the water, when I grasped you first; the slender chain parted and it remained in my hand. I now return it."

"Have you opened its face?" "Oh no, I would not take that lil crty."

"Then do so now."

He opened it, and an exclamation of

pleasure fell from his lips. "Do you recognize the lady, captain?" "Oh, yes, Miss Hili, it is your lovely

"Keep it, captain, in memory of the worthless life you saved;" and with tears in her eyes, as she saw the look on the face of Angus, Clara Hill deseended to the cabin.

It was four o'clock when the schooner landed at her pier, and John Loyd's carriage was in waiting. "Good-by, Capt. Bruce. When do you

return to Orton?" "I take a cargo here, Miss Hill, fo Charleston, but will go ashore at Orton

and see your father." "When do you return to Wilming

"In three weeks' time; provided, al ways, that we have fair winds and

"I shall hope to see you then, and until then-good-by."

"Good-by, Miss Hill. Miss Loyd, goodby," and Angus assisted them to the



Speak not of pardon, Angus Bruca."

earriage of Banker Loyd and were rap idly whirled away, Clara shuddering, as she thought: "The next time I see Angus Bruce I shall have on my finger an engagement ring."

Angus watched the carriage until turned the corner; then, turning to his mate, Calvin Stewart, a man of some 30 years, who had been with him now two years, said:

"Now, Calvin, get everything in readi ness for unloading. I will go ashore and see the consignees. We must un load to-night."

Calvin was a man of Bruce's statur who had appeared in Smithville two years before. He had stated that he had been shipwrecked, and as he was a thorough seaman, bold, fearless and well acquainted with the coast, Angus, having found him trustworthy, made him second in command on board the Clara Belle.

That night they discharged their cargo, and Thursday night were again under way, en route for Charleston har

CHAPTER V.

TRULY, MY UNCLE, THERE ARE TWO WHO STAND UPON A MINE."

Clara Hill had been Fannie's guest for a week, when one evening Herbert stairs. had been out, and it was fully ten o'clock when he came in.

He softly opened the door and noticed from the parlor door being ajar that it was still lighted. He heard his uncle's voice, and something in the tone caused him to halt as he was about to enter the parlor. The words he heard were:

"My dear Clara, the reason I detain you to-night is to tell you that you are very dear to me. There has always been a warm friendship existing between your father's family and mine; I have asked your father's permission to address you; he may have told you of the result-Clara, I am no longer a young I have it, your death, and in such a manman, I have a daughter almost of your age, but I will love you, Clara, and guard you tenderly while I live. Clara,

can you be my wife?" Herbert Lathrop stood with white stand upon a mine."

While Augus was soliloquizing thus, face and clenched hands at the threshold, Aunt Mag ascended the stairs, and Clara Hill was repeating over and over listening to his uncle's declaration, and repaired to her room, and as she is quite

for my father told me of the honor you to give the reader some information rehad conferred on both him and me, by garding her. seeking my hand-indeed, he is very as a wife should love her husband."

Herbert Lathrop almost smiled here. this hand is yours."

Mr. Loyd took Clara's hand in his.

quite sure; as to wealth, I cannot say rora origin. that it ever had great attractions for

all, and even then, so I have you, I have she was a faithful, a cleanly and obedithe greater part of it, and you in time ent servant, and after the banker had will be the wealthiest widow in the Caro-

"Pray do not speak of that, Mr. Loyd; remember life is uncertain, and but for and some trace of the children with a Angus Bruce I would not be here to-

"True! True! Capt. Bruce shall be rewarded on his return."

you could give him."

old man's darling, and not the young | movements of Herbert Lathrop. man's slave,' when shall we wed?" "Let it be, Mr. Loyd, when Clarence and Fannie are united."

"Why, that is the first of June. take place at the same time."

"It shall, dear; God grant you may be happy-for myself I fear not. Do you know, Clara, I at one time thought that perhaps you would be won by my "No, Mr. Lovd, there was never dan-

ger of that. I detest, and almost fear

"In that event, before our marriage, I will have him located elsewhere; it would be but torture to have one around toward whom you feel like that. But I little wonder at it. I sometimes feel as though I was standing on a mine, when I think of his father's record, and were he not my nephew I would not to erate him-eventually I shall endeavor to establish him in business elsewhere.

"Why, he even had the impudence to ask my daughter's hand in marriage. "Well, good night, dear one, and hap-

py dreams," and Mr. Loyd stooped slightly and kissed the white brow of wharf, where they entered the elegant | the girl, who to please her father, and build up an impassable barrier between herself and the man she loved but might not marry, had promised to become his wife.

"Good night, Mr. Loyd." Clara was very pale, and tears were in her eyes, as she started towards the

Then it was that Herbert Lathrop glided rapidly through the hall. No smile parted his Lps, but on his set features was a look of malignant hate "My uncle, then," he muttered

would wed Clara Hill, then setaside his sister's son, because he pleases not his

"Clara loathes me, and my dear, dear uncle sometimes tainks he's standing on a mine-look out, John Loyd, for by striven and come into possession of the the gods that made me, that mine shall soon explode, and at the altar you shall wisp, for so many years eluded our never stand, with Clara Hill-Dotard! Fool! ere that I'll have—have what? "Your life, my uncle! Yes, your very

life!" and shaking his clenched fist at the parlor door he rapidly ascended the stairs, muttering still.

Herbert Lathrop had not been unob

At the time he entered the front door, Aunt Mag, the mulatto housekeeper and old family servant of the banker, was going the rounds to see that the doors were secure for the night. As she was advancing, when just in the shadow of the winding stairs, she caught sight before selling, for there is an enormous of Herbert Lathrop in a listening attitude at the parlor door. Instinctively she halted, and had seen his pantomime of actions as he stood there, and as he advanced she had observed the passionate look on his face, as well as the clenched hand shaken at the door; and when he was ascending the stairway, just opposite her, as she stood crouching in the recess, she caught the words: "Your life, my uncle! yes, your very

As Herbert disappeared, the parlor door opened, and Mr. Loyd accompanied Clara to the foot of the stairs, which she ascended, and he retired to his room, which was on the first floor, and adjoining the library, from which a door opened into it.

Aunt Mag securely bolted the front door, put out the lights in the parlor and hall, and she also ascended the

Noiselessly she passed over the soft star and said: carpet to the back of the hall on the second floor, and halted before a door.

First her eye and then her ear was applied to the keyhole-her eye saw Herbert Lathrop standing before a looking-glass in his shirt sleeves; he was gesticulating wildly, and she heard him

"So, uncle, I can neither wed my cousin Fannie, nor Clara Hill-the one for Clarence, and you would be the bridegroom to the other.

"Watch well, my uncle! you may die ere that, and suddenly-so suddenlyner that Angus Bruce shall appear the murderer-the gallows then for himtwo birds with one stone killed.

"Truly, my uncle, there are two who

breathlessly he awaited Clara's answer. an important character in some of the "Mr. Loyd, I need not feign surprise, events that will follow, it may be well Farniture, Window Shades, Oil

She had been brought to Wilmington anxious that I change my name to Clara some dozen years before by a trader, Loyd, but I do not love you, Mr. Loyd, who stated that he purchased her at an administration sale.

Her children had been sold and scat-"But I honor and respect you," con- tered, she knew not where, and her hustinued Clara, "and if, knowing how I band had been purchased by a Georgia feel, you desire to make me your wife, planter. Mag had been a house servant all her life, and was now fully fifty years of age. Tall, scrawny, and what "I love you, Clara, dearly enough to, was usually termed raw boned-nevertake this little hand on any terms, and theless, her long arms were very muscu-I know you are marrying me for neither lar, and her large black eyes and jet "Of that, Mr. Loyd, you may feel down her back, proclaimed her Tusco-

John Loyd had purchased her, nor did me, though my father is reputed among he ascertain till afterwards that her the wealthiest planters of the state, mind was somewhat unhinged, the reand you must know that, in accordance sult, probably, of having lost all that with family customs, his oldest son will she had ever loved. She had a strange inherit nearly his entire fortune; in habit of talking to herself, and had making me your wife you cannot hope some few articles of clothing that her to aggrandize your wealth, and as for children had once worn. At times she station-I know of none higher than would get them out and talk to them, as that of being the daughter of Abner though her family were around her; sometimes weeping, at others chuck-"Well spoken, Clara; nor is there. ling or laughing merrily as she recalled And as for wealth, why, let him keep it some incidents in her early life; but become accustomed to her ways he would not part with her.

Indeed, he had sought the husband view of purchasing them, but could learn nothing of them.

Such was Aunt Mag; faithful and true, but with a disordered brain; "Angus Bruce, Mr. Loyd, would ac- though, disordered as it was, she was cept of no reward, at least none that not wanting in the necessary steadfastness of purpose and determination req-"Well, Clara, dear, as you will be 'the uisite to enable her to watch the future

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THE PLEASURES OF HOPE. "Yes, and at Orton; let our marriage | Far Excel Those That Are Afforded by

Poets have written and troubadours have sung of the pleasures of hope, and philosophers and sages have indulged in retrospective musings on the pleasures of memory. The question is sometimes asked: Which affords the greater amount of happiness, hope of

As an answer to this question, it may be said that much depends upon the individual, the outlook for pleasure and the possibilities to which the thoughts

Whère one has had a blissful and perfeet childhood and early life, and comes in later years to disappointments, crosses and losses that are so often met with on life's pathway, it is quite likely that memory affords much keener satisfaction than hope.

Contemplation of kindnesses in the past, of good deeds done, of delights in which loved ones may have had a share, are sources of irac gratification. On the other hand, the pleasures of hope amount in many cases to an ecstasy that nothing in memory can approach. Castles in the air are built and tenanted, the golden Arcadia of an unfettered imagination is spread out before the mind and bright dreams, fill the waking and sleeping hours. Hope cheers us in our labors. It has been said that if it were not for hope the heart would break Certain it is that through all trials and tribulations, bereavements, misfortunes and calamities of all sorts, the one untiring sentiment lives in the heart that some day, at some future time, things will be better, and that at last we will achieve that for which we have so long and faithfully kingdom that has, like the will-o'-the-

Maturity sees much of the roseate atmosphere dispelled, and old age sits down by the fireside to think over the "has beens" of life. Happy is maturity and age if it can look down on the vista of the past and find more delight that pains to live over again .- N. Y. Ledger

Market Value of Cast-Off Teeth.

wonder whether all my readers know the value of old artificial teeth when they contain gold in any quantity? If they do not, I should advise them to get good advice on the subject | 50 cent Probate of Will, imperforate .... \$1 25 demand for such articles in the advertisement columns of the papers, and I suspect that a good deal of swindling is done in the trade. There is one advertisement in which those who have teeth for sale are recommended to atply to a manufacturing dentist rather than to a wardrobe buyer. A lady responded to this advertisement the other day, and got an offer of one pound for her set, but, being dissatisfied with the offer, she took the goods to a pawnbroker, who at once offered her £2 14 shillings for them. If, therefore, a manufacturing dentist is a better purchaser than an old clothes merchant, a pawnbroker would seem to have the advantage of both.-London Truth.

Logic Beats Science. A young man, just home from college, wishing to inspire his little sister with awe for his learning, pointed to a "Do you see that bright little lumi-

"No, 'tain't," said she.

nary? It's bigger than this whole

"Yes, it is," declared the young collegian. "Then why don't it keep off therain?" was the triumphant rejoinder .- Detrois

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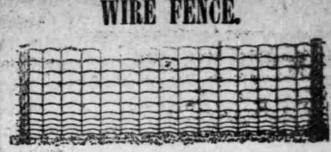
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